

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Diane K. Burnside, Jonathan S. Stinson and Paul E. Chouinard, declare that we are respectively citizens of the United States of America and residents respectively of 973 118th Lane N.W., Coon Rapids, Minnesota, 55448 U.S.A.; 14815 Fourth Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota 55447, U.S.A.; and 1650 Hwy 36 W. #262, Roseville, Minnesota 55113, U.S.A. that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention or discovery in **STENT-GRAFT WITH BIOABSORBABLE STRUCTURAL SUPPORT** described and claimed in the annexed specification; that we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application; that said invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventors' certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that we acknowledge that we have a duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to herein; and that no application for patent or inventors' certificate on said invention or discovery has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

NONE

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon;

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